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(57) Abstract

The invention provides compounds which specifically inhibit factor Xa activity. The compounds consist of the structure X_1 -YIR- X_2 , wherein X_1 is H, acyl, alkyl, acylalkyl, arylalkyl or one or more amino acids, and X_2 is a modified C-terminal group, one or more carboxy-protecting groups or one or more amino acids or other substituent, and Y, I and R are tyrosine, isoleucine and arginine, respectively, or peptidomimetic or organic structures that possess the same functional activity as Y, I and R, respectively. In addition, the present invention provides a compound having the structure $A_1-A_2-(A_3)_m$ -B, where m is 0 or 1. A compound of the invention can be linear or cyclic and can be about 2 and 43 residues in length. A compound of the invention is characterized, in part, in that it exhibits a specific inhibition of factor Xa activity with a K_i of $\leq 100~\mu$ M, preferably $\leq 2~n$ M, and does not substantially inhibit the activity of other proteases involved in the coagulation cascade. The invention further provides methods of specifically inhibiting the activity of factor Xa and of inhibiting blood clotting in vitro and in an individual and methods of detecting factor Xa levels or activity.

We claim:

1. A compound that specifically inhibits the activity of factor Xa, having the general formula $A1-A2-(A3)_m-B$, wherein m is 0 or 1;

wherein A1 is $R_1-R_2-R_3$; A2 is $R_4-R_5-R_6$; A3 is R_7-

wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of:

i) 1 to 20 amino acids;

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wherein X is selected from the group consisting of N, CH and NC=O, and
wherein R', and R", independently are selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, acyl, aryl, arylalkyl and an amino-protecting group, and wherein R, can be substituted by a substituent;

 R_2 is $-CR_{99}R_{100}-$, wherein R_{99} and R_{100} independently are selected from the group consisting of an H; alkyl, anylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and heteroaryl, and wherein R_{99} and R_{100} independently can be substituted with a substituent;

 R_3 is selected from the group consisting of -C(0)-, $-CH_2-$, $-CHR_{99}-C(0)-$ and $-C(0)-NR_{35}-CH_2-C(0)-$, wherein R_{35} is the CHR₅₅ group of the bridging group $-C(0)-CR_{55}-$;

 R_4 is selected from the group consisting of $-CH_2$ - and $-NR_{50}$ -, wherein R_{50} is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, arylalkyl and heterocyclic;

 R_5 is $-CR_{201}R_{202}$, wherein R_{201} and R_{202} independently are selected from the group consisting of 10 H, alkyl, aryl and arylalkyl, and wherein R_{201} and R_{202} independently can be substituted with a substituent;

 R_6 is selected from the group consisting of -C(0)-, $-CH_2-$ and $-CHR_{99}-C(0)-$;

R, is selected from the group consisting of

-CH2- and -NR51-, wherein R51 is H, alkyl, arylalkyl,
heteroalkyl and heteroarylalkyl, and any of these
moieties substituted by a substituent selected from the
group consisting of Q and -(CH2)n-Q, wherein n is 1 to 5
and wherein Q is selected from the group consisting of an

amino, amidino, imidazole and guanidino group, which can
be substituted with a substituent, and a mono-, di-, trior tetra-alkylammonium of a pharmaceutically acceptable
salt, isoureide or isothioureide thereof;

R₀ is -CR₂₁₀R₂₁₁-, wherein R₂₁₀ and R₂₁₁
25 independently are selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkylaryl and heterocyclic, and any of these moieties substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of Q and -(CH₂)_n-Q, wherein n is 1 to 5 and wherein Q is selected from the group consisting of

amino, amidino, imidazole and guanidino group, which can be substituted with a substituent, and a mono-, di-, trior tetra-alkylammonium of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, isoureide or isothioureide thereof;

5 R, is selected from the group consisting of -C(0)-, $-CH_2-$ and $-CHR_9,-C(0)-$; and

wherein, when m is 1, B is selected from the group consisting of 1 to 20 amino acids, -NHR₅₂, -NR₆₀R₆₁, -OR₇₀ and -CHR₆₀R₆₁,

wherein R_{52} is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl and heteroaryl;

wherein R₆₀ and R₆₁ independently are selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, arylalkyl, aryl, heteroarylalkyl and heteroaryl, and

wherein R_{70} is selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, alkyl, arylalkyl and heteroarylalkyl,

and wherein when m is 0, B is selected from the group consisting of 1 to 20 amino acids, $-OR_{70}$, $-NHR_{52}$ and $-NR_{60}R_{61}$, which is joined to R_6 by an amide bond or an ester bond;

wherein B can be substituted with a substituent,

25 provided that when R_3 is $-CH_2-$ or $-CHR_{99}-C(O)-$, R_4 is NR_{50} ;

when R_4 is $-CH_2-$, R_3 is -C(0)- or $-CHR_{99}-C(0)-$;

when
$$R_4$$
 is $-CH_2-$, R_3 is $-C(0)-$ or $-CHR_{99}-C(0)-$;

when R_6 is $-CH_2-$, R_7 is $-NHR_{51}-$;

when R_7 is CH_2 , R_6 is $-C(0)-$ or $-CHR_{99}-C(0)-$;

when R_4 is $-NR_{50}-$ and R_1 is

$$R'_1 > X -$$

R₅₀ and R'₁ are taken together to form a bridging group having the formula: -C(0)-CHR₅₅-,

wherein CHR₅₅ represents R₅₀ and the carbonyl group represents R'₁, and

R"₁ and R₅₅ independently are H, C₁ to C₆ alkyl or arylalkyl; and

when R_3 is $-C(O)-NR_{35}-CH_2-C(O)-$, then R_4 is

15 -NR₅₀-, R₁ is
$$\frac{R'_1}{R''_1} \times X$$
 ..., R₃₅ and R'₁ are taken

together to form a bridging group having the formula $-C(0)CHR_{55}-$,

wherein C(0) represents R', and CHR $_{55}$ represents R $_{35}$; R", and R $_{55}$ independently are H or a C, to C, alkyl.

2. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_4 is $-NR_{50}$ -,

$$R_1$$
 is $R'_1 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow X$

 R_{50} and R'_1 are taken together to form a bridging group of the formula $-C(0)-CHR_{55}$, wherein R_{55} is H;

R₁ is H or methyl;

 R_{pp} , and R_{100} independently are selected from the group consisting of H, arylalkyl, alkyl and

10 heteroalkyl or 1 to 3 carbon atoms, and wherein R_{99} and R_{100} can be further linked to

a moiety selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, naphthyl, thionaphthyl, indolyl or saturated alkyl, alkoxy, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, tetraalkylammonium, arylalkylamino, aminoalkylaryl, carboxy, halo, hydroxy, amino, amido,

amidino, guanidino, triazolyl and sulfonyl, and R, is selected from the group consisting of -C(O) and $-C(O)-NR_{xx}-CH_{xy}-C(O)$.

3. The compound of claim 1, further comprising a bridge formed between two moieties selected from the group consisting of R_{10} and R_{1} , R_{9} and R_{1} , R_{8} and R_{1} , R_{5} and R_{2} , R_{5} and R_{6} , and R_{8} , and R_{9} ,

wherein said bridge structure consists of the structure $-CR_{400}R_{410}$ (X-Y)- $R_{500}R_{510}C$ -; wherein R_{400} , R_{410} , R_{500} and R_{510} are selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, arylalkyl and aryl,

and X and Y independently are selected from the group consisting of carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur, -CO-NH-, -CH₂-O-CH₂, and functional equivalents thereof;

and wherein R_{400} , R_{410} , R_{500} , R_{510} can be substituted with a moiety selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group and a heteroatom.

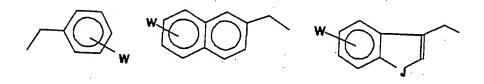
4. The compound of claim 1, wherein R'1 and R"l independently are substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of a C₁-C₆ alkyl,

10 -OCH₂-, -SCH₂-, >N-CH₂-, >N-C(O)-, -CO- and NY-CO-NZ,

wherein Y and Z independently are selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_8 alkyl, C_5-C_{12} arylalkyl and heteroarylalkyl.

- 5. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ is substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of phenyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, naphthyl, thionaphthyl, indolyl, alkyl, alkoxy, monoalkylamine, dialkylamine, tetraalkylammonium, arylalkylamino, aminoalkylaryl and carboxy.
- 6. The compound of claim 5, wherein R₂ is substituted with 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, monoalkylamino, dialkylamino, tetraalkylammonium, arylalkylamino, aminoalkylaryl, carboxy, halogens, hydroxy, amino, amido, amidino, guanidino, triazolyl and sulfonyl.

7. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{100} is H and R_9 , is selected from the group consisting of:

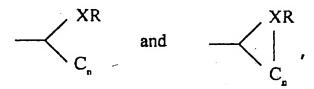


wherein W is selected from the group consisting of H, amino, lower alkyl, optionally substituted by an 5 amine, amide, hydroxyl, carboxyl and amidino;

and J is selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, NH and NR, wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_5-C_{12} arylalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkanoyl and C_5-C_{12} aryloyl.

- 8. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{50} is substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of an N-, O- and S-containing moiety.
- 9. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₅₀ is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, arylalkyl and heteroarylalkyl.
 - 10. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{201} and R_{202} further is substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of an N-, O- and S-containing moiety.

ll. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{202} is H and R_{201} is selected from the group consisting of



wherein X is C, N or S, and wherein R is 5 selected from the group consisting of H and an alkyl, which can be substituted by a heteroatom; and n is 1 to 5.

- 12. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₅₁ is substituted by a substituent selected from the group
 10 consisting of a N-, O- and S-containing moiety.
 - 13. The compound in claim 1, wherein R_{210} or R_{211} is substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of Q and $(CH_2)_n$ -Q, wherein n is 1 to 5.
 - 14. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₅₂ is
 5 substituted by a substituent selected from the group consisting of a N-, O- and S-containing moiety.
 - 15. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{60} and R_{61} independently are substituted by an alkyl.
- 16. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_{70} is 20 substituted by an alkyl.

The compound of claim 1, wherein:

$$R_1$$
 is $R'_1 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow X$

R', is selected from the group consisting of H, -CO- R_a , -SO₂- R_a , an amino-protecting group, 1 to 6 amino 5 acids, which can be substituted, wherein the N-terminus of said 1 to 6 amino acids is substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of H, -CO- R_a , -SO₂- R_a and an amino-protecting group; and wherein R is selected from the group consisting

10 of alkyl, aryl and heteroalkyl;

 $R"_1$ is selected from the group consisting of H, acyl and alkyl;

X is N;

 R_2 is -CHR,,-, wherein R_9 , is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroalkyl and heteroaryl, which can be substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of 1 to 6 fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, amino, nitro, amidino, amido, carboxy, ester, ether and hydroxy groups;

25 R_8 is $-CHR_{210}-$, wherein R_{210} is a heteroalkyl having at least one formal positive charge, wherein the

B is selected from the group consisting of $-\mathrm{OR}_b$ and $-\mathrm{N-R}_c\mathrm{R}_d$,

wherein R_b is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl and a carboxy-protecting group, R_c is selected from the group consisting of H and alkyl, and

 $R_{\rm d}$ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, heteroalkyl and 1 to 20 amino acids, which can be substituted with a substituent,

- wherein the C-terminus of said compound can be modified with a carboxy-protecting group, a primary amide group or part of a cyclic peptide as the secondary or tertiary amide group formed with amino group of R_1 .
- 18. The compound of claim 17, wherein A1 is selected from the group consisting of Tyr, F(pNH₂), mAph, pAph and Nal(2).
 - 19. The compound of claim 17, which contains an amino-protecting group.
- 20. The compound of claim 17, wherein A2 is 20 selected from the group consisting of Ile and Chg.
 - 21. The compound of claim 17, wherein A3 is selected from the group consisting of Arg, PalMe(3), $Dab(N^7-C_3H_7N)$, $Dap(N^8-C_3H_7N)$ and $Orn(N^8-C_3H_7N)$.

22. The compound of claim 17, wherein

Al is selected from the group consisting of Tyr, F(pNH2), mAph, pAph and Nal(2), which contain 0 or 1 amino-protecting groups;

5 A2 is selected from the group consisting of Ile and Chg;

A3 is selected from the group consisting of Arg, PalMe(3), $Dab(N^{\gamma}-C_3H_{\gamma}N)$, $Dap(N^{\beta}-C_3H_{\gamma}N)$ and Orn($N^6-C_3H_7N$); and

10 B is selected from the group consisting of -H, -OH, -NH₂, one to five amino acids or functional equivalents thereof and a carboxy-protecting group.

23. The compound of claim 22, which is selected from the group consisting of:

. 15 Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH-CH2-Chx; Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH-2CMT; Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH-Chx;

 $Ac-F(pNH_2)-Chg-Dab(N^*-C_3NH_7)-L-P-NH_2;$

Bz-F(pNH₂)-Chg-R-L-P-NH₂;

Tos-F(pNH2)-Chg-R-L-P-NH2; Ac-Y(3-I)-Chg-R-L-P-NH2;

y-Chg-R-L-NH2;

Ac-F(pNH₂)-Chg-R-ol;

Cyclopentyl-CO-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;

25. 3-Iqc-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH₂;

Bzf-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH₂;

3-Iqc-F(pNH₂)-Chg-R-L-P-NH₂;

Ac-F(pNH₂)-Chg-R-NH-2-thiazoly1;

2-Furoyl-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH₂;

30 5-Me-2-thienyl-CO-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH₂;

Ac-Nal(2)-Chg-R-NH-2-thiazolyl;

2-Bzf-F(pNH₂)-Chg-R-L-P-NH₂;

Ac-pAph-Chg-Dab(NY-C3H7N)-L-P-NH2;

Ac-(iBu)pAph-Chg-R-L-P-NH2;

35 Ac-pAph-Chg-R-Gla-P-NH2;

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Ac-pAph-Chg-R-Pen(CH,COOH)-P-NH,;
                Ac-pAph-Chg-R-L-P-NH2;
                Ac-F(pNH_2)-Chg-R-(Me)L-P-NH_2;
                Ac-F(pNH2)-Chg-R-OEt;
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                Ac-F(pNH2)-Chg-Orn(No-C3H2N)-L-P-NH2;
                Ac-F(pNH<sub>2</sub>)-Chg-R-L-P-NH,;
                Ac-Nal(2)-Chg-R-L-P-NH2;
                Ac-pAph-Chg-Dab(NY-C3H7N)-NH2;
                Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;
10
                Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-L-P-NH2;
                Ac-pAph-Chg-R-NH,;
                Ac-pAph-Chg-R-OH;
                Ac-pAph-Chg-R-ol;
                DIPA-(m)pAph-Chg-R-L-P-NH2;
15
                DIPA-(m)F(pNH<sub>2</sub>)-Chg-R-L-P-NH<sub>2</sub>;
                Isn-F(pNH,)-Chg-R-L-P-NH2;
                Pza-F(pNH<sub>2</sub>)-Chg-R-L-P-NH<sub>3</sub>;
                Tfa-(iBu)Y-Chg-R-L-P-NH2; and
                Tfa-(iBu)Y-I-Orn(N^{\delta}-C_3H_7N)-L-P-NH<sub>2</sub>.
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                     The compound of claim 22, selected from
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    the group consisting of:
                Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH-CH2-Chx;
               Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH-Chx;
               Bzf-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;
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               Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-L-P-NH2;
               Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;
               Cyclopentyl-CO-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;
               3-Iqc-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;
               2-Furoyl-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;
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               5-Me-thienyl-CO-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2; and
               Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-ol.
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- 25. The compound of claim 1, wherein m is 0.
- 26. The compound of claim 25, wherein B is a heteroarylalkyl.

- 27. The compound of claim 26, wherein said heteroarylalkyl is selected from the group consisting of: (4-(N-methylpyridinium))methyl;
 - 2-(3-(N-methylpyridinium))eth-1-yl;
 - 1-(4-(N-methylpyridinium))eth-1-yl;

(p-amidino)benzyl;

- 2-(4-(N-methylpyridinium))prop-2-yl; and
- 2-(4-(N-methylpyridinium))eth-1-yl.
- 28. The compound of claim 26, which is 10 selected from the group consisting of:

 Ac-pAph-Chg-AMP(4) and
 Ac-pAph-Chg-AEMP(4).
- 29. A non-naturally occurring compound which specifically inhibits factor Xa activity, having the structure X₁-YIR-X₂,

wherein X_1 is selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, alkyl, acylalkyl, arylalkyl and 1 to 20 amino acids, and

X₂ is selected from the group consisting of a modified C-terminal group, one or more carboxy-protecting groups and 1 to 20 amino acids,

wherein said compound can be substituted with a substituent.

- 30. The compound of claim 29, wherein X₁ is selected from the group consisting of H, 1 amino acid and 2 amino acids and X₂ is selected from the group consisting of a modified C-terminal group, one or more carboxy-protecting groups and 1 to 17 amino acids.
- 31. The compound of claim 29, wherein said compound is linear.

- 32. The compound of claim 29, wherein said compound is cyclic.
- 33. The compound of claim 32, wherein the cyclization is through a bridge outside the YIR motif.
- 5 34. The compound of claim 33, wherein the cyclization includes a bridge with the Ile residue present within the YIR motif.
 - 35. The compound of claim 29 selected from the group consisting of:

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                Ac-Tyr-Ile-Arg-Leu-Ala-NH2,
                Ac-Tyr-Ile-Arg-Leu-Pro-NH2,
                Ac-(iBu) Tyr-Ile-Arg-Leu-Pro-NH,
                Ac-Tyr-Ile-Arg-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)O(CH<sub>3</sub>),
                Ac-Tyr-{\(\mathbb{T}\)(CH2NH)}-Ile-Arg-Leu-Pro-NH2,
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                Ac-Tyr-Ile-Arg-NH-CH2(4-Pyridyl),
                Ac-Tyr-Ile-{\(\text{T}(CH_2NH)\)}-Arg-Leu-Pro-NH2,
                Ac-Tyr-Chg-Arg(NO<sub>2</sub>)-{\P(CH<sub>2</sub>NH)}-Leu-NH<sub>2</sub>,
                Ac-Tyr-Ile-Arg-{\P(COCH2)}-Gly-Pro-NH2,
                Ac-Tyr-Ile-Dab(NY-C3H7N)-Leu-Ala-NH,
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                Ac-Tyr-Ile-PalMe(3)-NH2,
                Tyr-Ile-Arg-NH2,
                D-Tyr-Ile-Arg-Leu-Pro-NH2,
                Ac-(Bzl)Gly-(Chx)Gly-(3-guanidopropyl)Gly-NH2,
                Cyclo(Gly-Tyr-Ile-Arg-Gly),
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                Tfa-(iBu)Tyr-Chg-Arg-Leu-Pro-NH2,
                Ac-pAph-Chg-Arg-Leu-Pro-NH2,
                Ac-Nal(2)-Chg-Arg-Leu-Pro-NH,,
                Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe-NH, and
    pharmaceutically acceptable salts, amides, esters,
30 alcohols and aldehydes thereof.
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36. A method of specifically inhibiting the activity of factor Xa, comprising contacting the factor Xa with the compound of claim 1.

37. The method of claim 36, wherein

$$R_1$$
 is $R'_1 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow X$

R'₁ is selected from the group consisting of H,
-CO-R_a, -SO₂-R_a, an amino-protecting group, 1 to 6 amino
acids, which can be substituted, wherein the N-terminus
of said 1 to 6 amino acids is substituted with a

substituent selected from the group consisting of H,
-C(O)-R_a, -SO₂-R_a and an amino-protecting group; and
wherein R_a is selected from the group consisting
of alkyl, aryl and heteroalkyl;

 $R"_1$ is selected from the group consisting of H, acyl and alkyl; X is N;

R₂ is -CHR₉₉-, wherein R₉₉, is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroalkyl and heteroaryl, which can be substituted with a substituent selected from the group consisting of 1 to 6 fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, amino, nitro, amidino, amido, carboxy, ester, ether and hydroxy groups;

 R_8 is -CHR₂₁₀-, wherein R_{210} is a heteroalkyl having at least one formal positive charge, wherein the heteroatom is 1 to 6 nitrogen atoms;

R, is -C(0)-; and

B is selected from the group consisting of $-OR_b$ and $-N-R_aR_a$,

wherein R_b is selected from the group consisting of B, alkyl and a carboxy-protecting group,

 R_c is selected from the group consisting of H and alkyl, and

 $R_{\rm d}$ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, heteroalkyl and 1 to 20 amino acids, which can be substituted with a substituent,

wherein the C-terminus of said compound can be
modified with a carboxy-protecting group, a primary amide
group or part of a cyclic peptide as the secondary or
tertiary amide group formed with amino group of R₁ or by
reduction to the alcohol.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein

Al is selected from the group consisting of Tyr, F(pNH₂), mAph, pAph and Nal(2), which contain 0 or 1 amino-protecting groups;

A2 is selected from the group consisting of Ile and Chq;

A3 is selected from the group consisting of Arg, PalMe(3), Dab($N^{\gamma}-C_3H_7N$), Dap($N^{\beta}-C_3H_7N$) and Orn($N^{\delta}-C_3H_7N$); and

B is selected from the group consisting of -H, -OH, -NH2, one to five amino acids or functional equivalents thereof and a C-terminus protecting group.

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39.
                         The method of claim 38, wherein said
       compound is selected from the group consisting of:
                   Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH-CH2-Chx;
                  Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH-Chx;
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                  Bzf-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH<sub>2</sub>;
                  Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-L-P-NH2;
                  Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;
                  Cyclopentyl-CO-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH2;
                  3-Iqc-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH<sub>2</sub>;
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                  2-Furoyl-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH<sub>2</sub>;
                  5-Me-2-thienyl-CO-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-NH<sub>2</sub>; and
                  Ac-pAph-Chg-PalMe(3)-ol.
                       The method of claim 38, wherein said
      compound is selected from the group consisting of:
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                 Ac-Y-I-R-L-A-NH2,
                 Ac-Y-I-R-L-P-NH2,
                 Ac-(iBu)Y-I-R-L-P-NH2,
                 Ac-Y-I-R-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)O(CH<sub>3</sub>),
                 Ac-Y-{Y(CH2NH)}-I-R-L-P-NH2,
 20
                Ac-Y-I-R-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>(4-Pyridyl),
                Ac-Y-I-{\P(CH2NH)}-R-L-P-NH2,
                Ac-Y-Chg-R(NO_2) {\Psi(CH_2NH)}-L-NH<sub>2</sub>,
                Ac-Y-I-R-\{\Psi(COCH_2)\}-G-P-NH_2,
                Ac-Y-I-Dab(NY-C3H7N)-L-A-NH2,
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                Ac-Y-I-PalMe(3)-NH2,
                Y-I-R-NH2,
                D-Y-I-R-L-P-NH2,
                Ac-(Bzl)Gly-(Chx)Gly-(3-guanidopropyl)Gly-NH<sub>2</sub>,
                Cyclo(G-Y-I-R-G),
30
               Tfa-(iBu)Y-Chg-R-L-P-NH2,
               Ac-pAph-Chg-R-L-P-NH2,
               Ac-Nal(2)-Chg-R-L-P-NH2, and
               pharmaceutically acceptable salts, amides,
   esters, alcohols and aldehydes thereof.
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- 41. A method of inhibiting blood clotting in an individual, comprising administering the compound of claim 1 to the individual.
- 42. A method of diagnosing the level of factor 5 Xa in a sample, comprising contacting the sample with the compound of claim 1 and detecting the amount of binding.
- 43. A method of diagnosing the level of active factor Xa in a sample, comprising contacting a sample with the compound of claim 1 and detecting the amount of factor Xa enzymatic activity.

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